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Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed October 21, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-13, 16-18, 22 and 23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/3/06
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven P. Fallon on January 3, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 10 line 2, after laser, delete "," and insert – including a vertical cavity, the laser –

In claim 10 page 3 line 1, delete "a" and insert – the –

In claim 16 line 1, after laser, insert – including a vertical cavity, the laser –

In claim 16 page 3 line 8, delete "a" and insert – the –

In claim 22 line 2, after laser, delete "," and insert – including a vertical cavity, the laser –

In claim 22 page 5 line 3, delete "a" and insert – the –

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4-13, 16-18, 22-23 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

After reviewing applicant's amendment, arguments and conducting an updated search none of the cited prior arts alone or in combination discloses the claimed vertical cavity surface emitting laser of independent claims 10, 16, 22 and 23.

Regarding claims 10, 11 and 22,

None of the cited prior arts alone or in combination discloses the claimed vertical cavity surface emitting laser with the recited structural combination of independent claim 10, having a plurality of holes arranged in a plurality of patterns and in particular having some of the patterns different and some are matched to provide transverse optical coupling.

The closest reference to Ostergaard et al (US 6,683,898) discloses a similar structure in figures 2, 6 and 7, but fails to illustrate, suggest or imply having different and matched patterns of the holes.

Regarding claims 4-9, 12, 13, 16-18 and 23,


None of the cited prior arts alone or in combination discloses the claimed vertical cavity surface emitting laser with the recited structural combination of independent claims 16 and 23, having a plurality of hole pattern and a defect in the pattern and where the V-parameter (normalized frequency) of the laser is set in accordance with the dimensions in particular the hole depth (γ).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ARMANDO RODRIGUEZ whose telephone number is 571-272-1952. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MINSUN HARVEY can be reached on 571-272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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